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## Remarks

Applicants thank Examiner Noland for his patient and careful examination of this application and his clear explanation of the rejections; and for conditionally allowing claims 4, 10, and 18. In response, applicants amend this application as follows:

- Applicants amend claims 1, 7, and 14, to incorporate all of the limitations in the allowable claims 4, 10, and 18 respectively, thus overcoming the obviousness rejections.
- II. Applicants cancel claims 4, 10, and 18 in addition to claims 11-13, previously canceled.
- III. Applicants amend claim 9 so it properly depends from claim 7.

Applicants respectfully submit that, as amended, claims 1, 7, 14 stand patentable; claims 2, 3, 5, 6 properly depend from claim 1 and therefore stand patentable; claims 8 and 9 properly depend from claim 7 and therefore stand patentable; claims 15-17 properly depend from claim 14 and therefore stand patentable. Applicants respectfully request that the application be further examined and the claims pass to allowance.

Respectfully/submitted.

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